

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that an election is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. More specifically, the Examiner has taken the position that two (2) patentably distinct inventions are recited by the claims as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8, directed to a process; and
- II. Claims 9-11, directed to an apparatus.

The Examiner has taken the position that the claims are directed to a process and an apparatus for its practice.

Applicants respectfully elect claims 1-8 directed to a process, with traverse, and with waiver of applicant's rights to pursue patent protection for the invention of claims 9-11.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fees necessary in connection with this amendment, and any other fees necessary in connection with this application, to Deposit Account Number 02-1666.

Any questions concerning this application or amendment may be directed to the undersigned agent of applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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